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SUBJ: GROUP AGRICULTURE SCENARIO

1. FOLLOWING IS THE SCENARIO FOR GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING:

BEGIN TEXT

CHAPEAU: GROUP AGRICULTURE MET TO EXAMINE A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN THE LIGHT OF THE PAST DECISIONS OF THE TNC, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTIONS (MTN/W/24), AND OF GROUP AGRICULTURE

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1. REPORTING PROCEDURES:

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THE PROCEDURES WOULD CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR POINTS:

(I) THE TWO DELEGATIONS CONSULT.

(II) DELEGATIONS SHOULD ENDEAVOR, IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT MEETING, TO SEND TO THE SECRETARIAT SUMMARY NOTES WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH THEY HAD PARTICIPATED AS EXPORTING OR IMPORTING COUNTRIES; THE SECRETARIAT WOULD ASSEMBLE AND DISTRIBUTE THESE SUMMARIES FOR THE FURTHER WORK OF THE GROUP. THE REPORT MAY BE UNILATERAL OR JOINTLY AGREED. WRITTEN REPORTS WOULD BE PROMPTLY CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN THE APPROPRIATE GROUP AGRICULTURE DOCUMENT SERIES AND CIRCULATED TO ALL GROUPS.

(III) AT THE EARLIEST MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE FOLLOWING CIRCULATION OF THE BILATERAL REPORTS, THE CHAIRMAN WOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT REPORTS ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ARE BEFORE THE GROUP AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 1(D) OF MTN/AG/4, IT IS OPEN TO GROUP TO CONSIDER HOW TO PURSUE ITS WORK.

(IV) THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING-UP OF THE MEETING RECORDS THE FACT THAT GROUP AGRICULTURE HAD THESE REPORTS BEFORE IT PLUS COMMENTS, IF ANY, MADE IN GROUP AGRICULTURE.

2. TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE

THE GROUP AGRICULTURE SUMMING-UP WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"GROUP AGRICULTURE, HAVING BEEN INFORMED OF THE PRO-POSAL MADE IN THE MTN PARENT GROUP TO SUPPLEMENT THE TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE, AGREED THAT THE SUPPLEMENT TO THIS FILE SHOULD INCLUDE PRODUCTS FALLING WITHIN CHAPTERS 1-24."

SCENARIO FOR GROUP NTM:

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THE CHAIRMAN OF GROUP WOULD PROPOSE:

"THE GROUP NOTES THE CONCLUSIONS OF GROUP AGRICULTURE. THERE BEING NO OBJECTIONS THE GROUP INVITES THE GATT SECRETARIAT TO INCLUDE IN THE TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE THE RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING ALL PRODUCTS."

3. STANDARDS:

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THE GROUP TAKES UP THIS AGENDA ITEM READING AS FOLLOWS:

"TO REVIEW THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DRAFT STANDARDS CODE
TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS."

4. NON-TARIFF MEASURES NOT DEALT WITH MULTILATERALLY:

A) A GROUP AGRICULTURE SUMMING-UP READING AS FOLLOWS:

"THE CHAIRMAN DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE GROUP TO THE
PROPOSAL ON NTMNDWM IN THE NTM PARENT GROUP. THE GROUP
THEREUPON DECIDED TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE NTM PARENT
GROUP TO THE DECISION TAKEN BY GROUP AGRICULTURE IN
DECEMBER 1975 (CITATION) AND THE PROCEDURES DECIDED
UPON IN THE THREE SUB-GROUPS."

B) NTM PARENT GROUP SUMMING-UP AS FOLLOWS:

"THE GROUP DECIDED TO ADOPT THE PROCEDURES SET OUT BELOW,
NOTING THE DECISION TAKEN BY GROUP AGRICULTURE IN
DECEMBER 1975 AND THE PROCEDURES DECIDED IN THE THREE
SUB-GROUPS. THESE PROCEDURES ARE SET OUT IN THE ANNEX."

ANNEX

GROUP NON-TARIFF MEASURES AGREED TO PURSUE ITS WORK ON
NON-TARIFF MEASURES NOT DEALT WITH MULTILATERALLY. AS AN
INITIAL STEP DELEGATIONS WILL UNDERTAKE A PROCESS OF
INFORMATION EXAMINATION AND DIALOGUE WITH RESPECT TO NON-
TARIFF MEASURES OTHER THAN THOSE CURRENTLY BEING DEALT
WITH MULTILATERALLY. TO THAT END, THE COUNTRIES CON-
CERNED WOULD NOTIFY TO THE SECRETARIAT SUCH NON-
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TARIFF MEASURES OF DIRECT INTEREST FOR THEIR TRADE. BI-
LATERAL OR PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE ORGANIZED ON
THE BASIS OF NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED. ASSISTANCE FROM THE
SECRETARIAT WOULD BE AVILABLE ON REQUEST.

THE NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE CIRCULATED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS
IN THE NEGOTIATION IN THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENT SERIES
MTN/NTM/W.

AFTER BILATERAL OR PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN
PLACE DELEGATIONS SHOULD ENDEAVOR, IN ADVANCE OF THE
NEXT MEETING, TO SEND TO THE SECRETARIAT SUMMARY NOTES
WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH THEY HAD
PARTICIPATED AS EXPORTING OR IMPORTING COUNTRIES; THE
SECRETARIAT WOULD ASSEMBLE AND DISTRIBUTE THESE SUMMARIES

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FOR THE FURTHER WORK OF THE GROUP. THE REPORT MAY BE UNILATERAL OR JOINTLY AGREED. WRITTEN REPORTS WOULD BE CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN THE APPROPRIATE GROUP NTM DOCUMENT SERIES.

ON THE BASIS OF SUCH SUMMARY NOTES AND ANY FURTHER ORAL COMMENTS GROUP NON-TARIFF MEASURES WOULD REVIEW THE REULTS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING THE NEXT STEP IN THIS ASPECT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. SUCH DETERMINATION SHOULD INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF MULTI-LATERAL SOLUTIONS TO THESE MEASURES.

IN THE COURSE OF THESE CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS PRIORITY ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO NON-TARIFF MEASURES OF INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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